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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-008CON2
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	Examiner Name	Philogene, Pedro
Title	Xyphoid Access for Surgical Procedures	

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 26, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 26, 2007. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith to extend the response date to November 26, 2007. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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